GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has agreed to grant four lakh dollars to the Railways for further development of its Geographic Information System-based strategic investment planning techniques;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed between the United States and Railway officals in this regard;

(c) if so, the main features of this agreement;

(d) the extent to which it is likely to help the Railways; and

(e) the time by which these grants are likely to be utilised by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The main feature of this agreement is that United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will partly fund as a grant, further development of the Geographical Information System (GIS) based strategic investment planning techniques asa part of the existing Long Range Decision Support System (LRDSS) of the Indian Railways.

(d): Out of the total project cost of US $ 1.03 million dollars, United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is providing US $ 400,000 as a grant. The remaining portion of the project cost will be funded by the Ministry of Railways.

(e): The project is likely to be completed in a period of eighteen months and the grant is likely to be utilised fully during this period. The work has already commenced from January, 2002.